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In the application of:

Michael HOUGHTON et al.

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For: PROCESS FOR SCREENING FOR HCV  
(AS AMENDED)

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## FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is supplemental to the Amendment filed February 19, 2002, the Supplemental Amendment filed May 29, 2002, the Second Supplemental Amendment filed June 21, 2002, and the Third Supplemental Amendment filed on September 6, 2002 in the above-referenced application. Please amend the following claims and add the new claims submitted by this Amendment prior to examination of the application on the merits.

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

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